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(U) Antioch – Man Who Died from Homemade Explosive Survived Near-Identical Incident in 2012

(U) A man who died when a bomb he allegedly assembled blew up near two Antioch school had survived a similar incident in 2012 at his home, according to authorities. The man, identified by police as 62-year-old Frank Trout, was found dead near Fremont Elementary and Antioch Middle School from self-inflicted injuries after the bomb went off, according to police. In 2012, Trout was arrested after a pipe bomb he assembled in his garage exploded, seriously injuring him.

SOURCE: 1 February 2022, East Bay Times

(U) Los Angeles – LA Recorded the Most Hate Crimes Among Large US Cities Last Year

(U) Los Angeles recorded the most hate crimes among large US cities last year, posting a 71% jump in the incidents, a study found. Data gathered by the Center for Hate and Extremism at Cal State San Bernardino show there were 615 hate crimes reported to police in Los Angeles city in 2021 — the third-highest annual total in any U.S. city since the 1970s.

SOURCE: 1 February 2022, KTLA5

(U) SOUTHWEST BORDER

(U) Texas – CBP Officers Seize 5,000 Rounds of Ammunition

(U) Hidalgo – CBP officers conducting outbound enforcement operations at the Hidalgo International Bridge encountered a white sedan driving southbound to Mexico. The vehicle was driven by a 23-year-old US citizen. A CBP officer referred the vehicle for further inspection. After physically inspecting the vehicle, officers discovered 5,000 rounds of 7.62x39 rifle ammunition as well as \$4,555 which was also seized as proceeds of illicit activity.

SOURCE: 1 February 2022, CBP

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(U) Colorado – Man in Custody Over Alleged Threats to UCLA

(U) Boulder – Matthew Christopher Harris, 31, who allegedly threatened the University of California, Los Angeles, and detailed potential violence against the university over hundreds of pages has been taken into custody in Colorado following a standoff. "Upon reviewing parts of the manifesto, we identified thousands of references to violence, stating things such as killing, death, murder, shootings, bombs, schoolyard massacre in Boulder and phrases like 'burn and attack Boulder outside of the university,'" Boulder Police Chief Maris Herold said. Authorities said he attempted to buy a handgun in November, but his purchase was denied. Federal charges may be pursued.

SOURCE: 1 February 2022, ABC4

(U) District of Columbia - More Than 12 HBCU Campuses Targeted in New Round of Bomb Threats

(U) Washington – More than a dozen historically Black colleges and universities received bomb threats yesterday. Howard University was among the first to issue a shelter-in-place order — just a day after the

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school and several other historically Black colleges and universities received similar threats. An all-clear was later issued for Howard following a probe. In the wake of earlier bomb threats this month, the FBI said it would investigate the matter. In statements released earlier this week, it said it was taking action after the latest string of threats.

SOURCE: 1 February 2022, NBC News

(U) District of Columbia - Drone Company DJI Obscured Ties to Chinese State Funding

(U) Washington – Chinese drone maker DJI, a leading supplier of drones to US law enforcement, obscured its Chinese government funding while claiming that Beijing had not invested in the firm. Documents show that four investment bodies owned or administered by Beijing have invested in the popular drone brand in recent years, including a state asset manager that has pledged to play a key role in promoting partnerships between private enterprises and the Chinese military. DJI was among eight Chinese companies added to a US investment blacklist by the Treasury Department in December over sales of its drone equipment to police in Xinjiang, where US officials said it has been used to surveil ethnic Uyghurs.

SOURCE: 1 February 2022, The Washington Post

(U) Virginia – Two Officers Killed During Shooting at Bridgewater College Campus, Suspect in Custody

(U) Bridgewater – A campus police officer and a campus safety officer were killed during a shooting at a Virginia college after responding to reports of a "suspicious" person on campus, officials said. The two officers were responding to a call of a "suspicious male individual" on the grounds of the college's Memorial Hall, according to Virginia State Police spokesperson Corinne Geller. After a brief interaction, the suspect opened fire, striking both officers, she said. The suspect fled on foot and was apprehended about a half-hour later off-campus, officials said.

SOURCE: 1 February 2022, ABC News

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(U) Columbia – Security Forces Kill 15 Members of Clan del Golfo Crime Group

(U) Bogota – Colombia's armed forces killed at least 15 members of the Clan del Golfo, a criminal organization connected to drug trafficking and illegal mining during a raid. The operation took place in a rural zone of Ituango municipality in Colombia's Antioquia province, considered strategically important for cultivating coca, the chief ingredient in cocaine, according to security forces. The Clan del Golfo is largely made up of former far-right paramilitaries that holds alliances with five international organized crime groups for distributing 20 tons of cocaine each month, according to Colombian police.

SOURCE: 1 February 2022, Reuters

(U) Germany – Two Oil Storage and Supply Firms Hit by Cyberattack

(U) Berlin – Two companies involved in storing and supplying oil and other materials said they have been hit by a cyberattack that has impacted operations. Oiltanking GmbH Group and Mabanaft Group on Saturday discovered what they called a "cyber incident affecting our IT systems" and launched an investigation together with external specialists, the companies said in an emailed statement. They did not elaborate on the nature of the incident or address who might be responsible, and said they are working to understand its "full scope."

SOURCE: 1 February 2022, US News

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